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Press Release: Animal Control Officer Gail Petras: ACO of the Year!



Yesterday, at the annual conference for the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association <http://www.ctaco.org/>, the Middletown Police Department's Animal Control Officer, Gail Petras received the **Animal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award**. ACO Petras has been with the department since May 2004. ACO Petras was nominated for the award by one of our ACOs for her outstanding work in the field of animal welfare and going above and beyond to find suitable homes for misplaced dogs and cats. She has set up and maintained the social media sites to get the word out about pets available for adoption. She is currently working to obtain a state of the art regional animal

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shelter in Middletown to provide increased services for homeless pets and animals that may be a risk to the citizens.

ACO Petras is our only full time animal control officer, in addition we have one part-time ACO and two that are on call. The animal control officers handled approximately 1200 calls a year.

The Middletown Police Department is very proud of ACO Gail Petras and the work that she does for the citizens of Middletown. It is great to see ACO Petras get the recognition she deserves for all of her hard work, she has had a very positive effect on the lives of the animals in this community.

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